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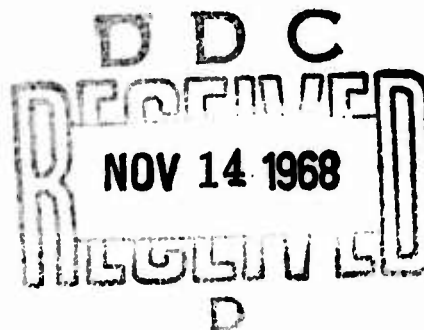
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TO: Commanding General
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In accordance with 173d Airborne Brigade Regulation Number 335-8, dtd 1 December 1966, the following report is submitted.

1. GENERAL: Operation BOLLING is a large scale search and destroy operation being conducted by the 173d Airborne Brigade. The operation has a two-fold mission; to seekout, destroy or capture the enemy and/or his equipment; to deny the enemy the bountiful food resources available in the TUY HOA Valley. This operation is the first combat operation in which the 3d Battalion participated.
2. NAME OF OPERATION: Operation BOLLING.
3. TYPE OF OPERATION: Search and destroy.
4. DATE OF OPERATION (3-503d participation): 5 November 1967 - 16 January 1968.
5. LOCATION: The operation was conducted in the TUY HOA and TUY AN Districts of PHU YEN Province with operations oriented on TUY HOA and DONG TRAI.
6. CONTACT OR COMMAND HEADQUARTERS: Command Headquarters for the period 5 November 1967 to 14 December 1967 was I Field Forces V and for the period 14 December 1967 to 16 January 1968, 173d Airborne Brigade (Separate).
7. REPORTING OFFICER: LTC John R D Cleland

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8. TASK ORGANIZATION: TF 3-503d Infantry

A Co 3-503d Inf	OPCON Units
B Co 3-503d Inf	D-16th Armor
C Co 3-503d Inf	DONG TRE CSF
D Co 3-503d Inf	CUNG SON CSF
C/3-319th Arty (DS)	1 Squad 173d MP Co
A/5-27th Arty (DS)	1 Plat 173d Engr Co
B/5-27th Arty (DS)	3 Scout Dog Teams
D/6-16 Arty (GS Reinf)	TACP (USAF)

9. SUPPORTING FORCES:

a. United States Air Force:

(1) During the reporting period the following CAS missions were flown:

- (a) Preplanned sorties: 285
- (b) Immediate sorties: 27
- (c) Flareship sorties: 1
- (d) Total Ordnance Delivered: 339.5 tons

(2) Results and Effectiveness: Tactical Air Support was extremely effective during the operation. Bomb damage assessments reflected several secondary explosions as a result of strikes. Heavily reinforced bunkers and trench systems were effectively bombed. Air strikes were effectively employed in all instances when the battalion had troops in contact.

(3) Timeliness: Sorties arrived within a useable time frame and were effectively employed. At no time when troops were in contact were aircraft not available.

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b. Army Aviation:

(1) Aviation Support: The Battalion was supported by the following Army Aviation Units during opn BOLLING:

- (a) 173d Airborne Brigade Aviation Platoon.
- (b) 335th Assault Helicopter Company.
- (c) 192d Assault Helicopter Company.
- (d) 134th Assault Helicopter Company.
- (e) 1st Avn Bde (CH47).

(2) How and when employed:

- (a) Combat Assault
- (b) Armed Helicopter
- (c) Resupply
- (d) Command and Liaison
- (e) Aerial Reconnaissance
- (f) Psychological Operations
- (g) Aerial Observer
- (h) Medical Evacuation

(3) Results and Effectiveness: Army Aviation support of the 3d. Battalion was effective. This support enabled the Battalion to operate over a large AO and bring its combat power to bear rapidly when contact was made.

(4) Timeliness: Army Aviation was timely and responsive. The support rendered by the 192d Aslt Helicopter Company was particularly noteworthy.

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c. Artillery:

(1) Size of Force:

(a) A Battery 5-27th Artillery (6 - 105 How T) from 5 November to 9 December 1967.

(b) B Battery 5-27th Artillery (6 - 105 How T) from 9 December to 11 January 1968.

(c) C Battery 3-319th Artillery (5 - 105 How T) from 11 January to 16 January 1968.

(d) Additional General Support artillery from 41st Artillery group was utilized throughout operation.

(2) How employed:

(a) A/5-27th Artillery was in place at FSB PEAK (CQ 028471) when Battalion commenced operation.

(b) Displacements: Artillery Batteries were moved by helilift along with FSB as follows:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DISPLACED FROM</u>	<u>MOVED TO</u>
A/5-27	16 Nov 67	FSB PEAK (CQ 028471)	FSB ARROW (CQ 011572)
A/5-27	4 Dec 67	FSB ARROW	FSB ROCK (CQ 019409)
B/5-27	11 Dec 67	FSB ROCK	FSB CLARA (BQ 963499)
B/5-27	27 Dec 67	FSB CLARA	DONG TRE (BQ 904704)
C/3-319	15 Jan 68	FSB 6 (BQ 964787)	FSB 8 (BQ 917778)

(3) Results and Effectiveness:

(a) Intelligence targets were engaged with one to five tubes dependent upon priority of targets.

(b) Advancing and clearing fires were used extensively.

(c) Blocking fires were utilized, when feasible, to prevent enemy withdrawals. Fires were planned daily on intelligence and interdiction targets by Battalion Artillery LNO and Battalion S2 and S3. POW's and CHIEU HOIS reported that fires were effective.

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(d) Artillery fires were used to outpost FSB's. This reduced the requirement for troops on outposts and broke up the defensive patterns common to FSB's.

(e) Artillery preparations were effectively used prior to combat assaults.

(f) On 27 December 1967, B/5-27th Artillery fired 1423 rounds in support of the Battalion. Fire was effectively placed on the enemy and took an exacting toll.

(4) Timeliness: Artillery was responsive and timely. Particularly noteworthy was the support rendered by Btry B, 5-27th Arty.

11. INTELLIGENCE:

a. Enemy Situation Prior to Operation: Prior to commencement of Opn BOLLING the following enemy units were believed to be in the area of interest: the 4th, 5th, and 6th Battalions of the 95th NVA Regiment; 30th MF VC Bn; 377th LF Co; 85th LF Bn. Indications were that the enemy would concentrate on gathering rice and foodstuff during the rice harvest, and attempt to avoid contact except when clearly to his advantage or when trapped.

b. Order of Battle Findings and Summary of the AO:

(1) Estimated strength prior to 3-503d joining Opn BOLLING was 3 Battalions with approx 300 men per Battalion from the 95th NVA Regt, 30th MF Bn approx 350 men, the 15th LF Bn approx 300 men, and the 377th LF Co with approx 80 men.

(2) These units were located within the TAOR or in close proximity. The battalions of the 95th NVA Regt were located vic of: 4th Bn vic CQ 1061, 5th Bn vic CQ 0544, 6th Bn vic of DONG XUAN. The 30th MF Bn was operating in AO GANDER to the South, the 85th LF Bn was operating in vic BQ 9871 and the 377th LF Co was operating around the TUY HOI area.

(3) During the 3-503d participation in Opn BOLLING there was no significant change to the order of battle within the TAOR. Two major contacts with the enemy were made. One on the 26th of Dec 1967 and another on 27th Dec 1967. Both contacts were made with NV units of the 95th Regiment.

(4) Weather: The monsoon had brought mostly cloudy skies in the morning and rainshowers at night. Generally cloudy weather and light rainshowers persisted until 1000H. The sky conditions were 500' scattered

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2,500' broken with visibility 6-7 miles. Winds during this period were generally from the NNE at gusts up to 18 knots. Rainshowers were numerous during the period occurring during the period from 2200H and continuing to 1000H. Fog was heavy during the early morning hours, during the period 0600H to 0900H normally. Temperatures ranged from 72° to 85°.

(5) Terrain: The relief of the TAOR is characterized by high mountains with dense undergrowth and 40-50 feet high canopy of broadleaf and dense evergreen. Cultivated fields are found throughout the area. During the rainy season streams were characterized by swift running water, and during dry periods streams were normally dry. Cover and concealment was plentiful throughout the AO due to dense undergrowth and dense forest. Critical terrain features were the high ground overlooking the TUY HOA Valley to the East. Avenues of approach were excellent in the area of interest.

c. Psychological operations were conducted in conjunction with tactical operations to aid in disaffection and desertion through the CHEIU HOI program, and to deny support to the VC/NVA by encouraging support for the government of Vietnam. Psy opns were effective in the AO. Interrogation reports received substantiated this fact. On 21 Nov 67 the 47th ARVN Regt apprehended a CHEIU HOI at coord CQ 030390, this CHEIU HOI stated the dissatisfaction of personnel within his unit. This indicated a need for more psychological OPN's within the AO. Leaflets were printed overnight with cooperation of the 245th Psy Op Company. These leaflets were special type made specifically for personnel of the 95th NVA Regt, with photograph of the CHEIU HOI on the reverse side of the theme, emphasizing the care taken of the CHEIU HOI's. CHEIU HOI's also stated that leaflets were effective and that leaders did not allow personnel to read them. Loud-speaker broadcasts consisted of a 20 minute tape. CHEIU HOI personnel also made in flight propaganda broadcasts.

13. CONCEPT OF OPERATION: 3-503d Inf deploys by helilift from PHU HIEP to FSB PEAK and conducts search and destroy operations.

14. EXECUTION:

a. 5 November 1967

Operational Summary: 3-503d Inf closed FSB PEAK and conducted S&D opns with no significant contact. CBF units from DONG TRE and CUNG SON, OPCON 3-503d Inf, operated in AO ARROW and AO PEAK.

b. 6 November 1967

Operational Summary: 3-503d Inf continued S&D opns and night ambushes in AO PEAK. At 061720H, D/3-503d made contact with estimated

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NVA squad vic CQ 035473 resulting in 3 NVA KIA (BC). A/3-503d was Bn Reaction Force. Results: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: 3 NVA KIA.

c. 7 November 1967

Operational Summary: 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLLING. Bn operated in AO PEAK with sporadic contact resulting in no US and no enemy losses.

d. 8 November 1967

Operational Summary: 3-503d Inf continued opns with no enemy contact or sightings. D/16 Armor provided convoy escort for BSOC from PHU HIEP to AN KHE. CSF operated in NE sector of AO PEAK. Results for the day: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: None/CSF Opns: No Friendly Losses/Enemy Losses: None.

e. 9 November 1967

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLLING. 3-503d Inf continued search and destroy operations in AO PEAK. Commencing at 090720H CSF company operating in AO PEAK was extracted to CUNG SON and replaced in AO by CSF from CUNG SON. Exchange was completed by 090930H. A/3-503d began extraction from vic CQ 043468 to assume security of FSB PEAK and closed 090855H. D/3-503d conducted CA from FSB PEAK to LZ ROCK (CQ 058513). 105 How and 155 How fired arty prep of LZ ROCK from 091056H to 091104H. D/3-503d completed CA at 091154H without contact. At 091350H C/3-503d made contact with 2-3 VC at a distance of 300 meters vic CQ 011508. Arty fire was delivered w/unlk results. At 091720H C/3-503d grenaded tunnel with approx 2 VC at coord CQ 046446. Tunnel collapsed resulting in possible 2 VC KIA. CSF force operated in NE sector of AO PEAK. Supporting Arms: Bn employed Air Strike consisting of 3 F100 sorties, 12 M17. 75% ordnance on target. Results: 6 foxholes and 1 trench destroyed. Results for the day: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: 2 KIA (poss)/CSF Opns: No friendly losses/Enemy Losses: None.

f. 10 November 1967

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLLING. 3-503d Inf continued search and destroy operations in AO PEAK. Typhoon, poor visibility and high winds during reporting period hampered operations. At 101530H C/3-503d received 1 rnd of sniper fire vic CQ 044433. CSF operated in NE sector of AO PEAK. Due to adverse weather D-16 Armor convoy escort from TUY HOA to VUNG RO was postponed. Results for the day: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: None/CSF: Friendly Losses: None/Enemy Losses: None.

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g. 11 November 1967

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued opn BOLLING. 3-503d Inf continued search and destroy opns in AO PEAK. At 110235H A/3-503d sighted 1 VC and took him under fire vic CQ 024470 with unk results. At 110315H A/3-503d received AW fire from 2 SMG and 1 grenade vic CQ 024470 and returned fire. A Co personnel claim two VC bodies were seen laying on perimeter wire during illum of perimeter. Search at first light failed to disclose bodies, results of firefight 1 US WIA/Enemy Losses: Unk. Bn conducted search and destroy opns and ambush patrols in AO throughout reporting period without significant contact. CSF operated in NE sector of AO PEAK. At 111900H D-16 Armor crossed SF to provide convoy security and escort for THSAC from TUY HOA to VUNG RO. Results for the day: US Losses: 1 WIA/Enemy Losses: Unk/CSF: Friendly Losses: None/Enemy Losses: None.

h. 12 November 1967

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued on Opn BOLLING. 3-503d Inf continued search and destroy operations in AO PEAK. At 120215H B/3-503d received one incoming hand grenade vic CQ 019517 and returned fire with unk results. At 121615H HHC/3-503d observed 7 enemy at a distance of 400 meters and took them under fire with 4.2" mortars with unk results. Bn conducted search and destroy opns throughout reporting period without significant contact. CSF operated in NE sector of AO PEAK. D-16th Armor provided security and convoy escort for THSAC from TUY HOA to VUNG RO with SP time of 122000H. Supporting arms: Bn employed 2 Air Strikes of 3 F100 sorties each with unk results during reporting period. Results for the day: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: unk/CSF: Friendly Losses: None/Enemy Losses: None.

i. 13 November 1967

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLLING. 3-503d Inf continued search and destroy operations in AO PEAK. CSF operated in NE sector of AO PEAK. At 13194H A/3-503d ambushed 16 enemy vic CQ 041471 with unk results. No other significant contact was experienced throughout reporting period. D-16 Armor provided security and convoy escort for THSAC from TUY HOA to VUNG RO with SP time 132000H. Supporting Arms: Bn employed 4 tactical air missions (2 Sky Spots, 2 TAC missions) throughout reporting period with neg BDA. Results for the day: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: unk/CSF: Friendly Losses: None/Enemy Losses: None.

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j. 14 November 1967

Operational Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLING. 3-503d Inf continued search and destroy ops in AO PEAK. CSF operated in EE sector of AO PEAK. At 14005H, D/3-503d received one incoming hand grenade, vic CQ 067519, resulting in one US WIA. At 140907H, CSC helicopter spotted 2 VC, vic CQ 010495 and brought them under fire with unk results. At 141844H, A/3-503d sighted 3 VC, vic CQ 048475 and brought them under SA fire at a distance of 400 meters with unk results. No other significant contact experienced throughout reporting period. D/16 Armor provided security and convoy escort for THSAC from TUY HOA to VUNG RO B Y with SP time of 141800H. Supporting arms: Bn employed combat Sky Spots with unk BDL, at BR 99255165 and B 98105270. Results for the day: US Losses: 1 WIA/Enemy Losses: unk/CSF: Friendly Losses: None/Enemy Losses: None.

k. 15 November 1967

Operational Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLING. 3-503d Inf continued search and destroy operations in AO PEAK. B/3-503d moved to secure new FSB ARROW (CQ 01105710) closing at 151502H. No significant contact was experienced throughout reporting period. D/16 Armor provided security and convoy escort for THSAC from TUY HOA to VUNG RO B Y with SP time of 151800H. Results for the day: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: None/CSF: Friendly Losses: None/Enemy Losses: None.

l. 16 November 1967

Operational Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLING. 3-503d Inf continued search and destroy operations in assigned AO. At 160837H, B/3-503d apprehended 18 detainees (5 women and 13 children), vic CQ 010570. At 162040H, D/3-503d ambushed 6 VC, vic CQ 067537, with unk results. No other significant contact was experienced throughout reporting period. CSF operating in AO closed FSB ARROW. 3-503d Inf established new FSB ARROW (CQ 011571) at 161415H. D/16 Armor provided security and convoy escort for THSAC from TUY HOA to MUNG RO with SP time of 161810H. Supporting arms: Bn utilized 2 Combat Sky Spots vic BQ 93506000 and BQ 75152220 with unk BDL. Results for the day: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: unk/CSF: Friendly Losses: None/Enemy Losses: None.

m. 17 November 1967

Operational Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLING. 3-503d Inf continued search and destroy ops in assigned AO. At 170950H D/3-503d confirmed 4 VC KIA from ambush sprung 162040H. A/3-503d conducted CA from CQ 043498 to CQ 097512 commencing at 171200H, and closing LZ at 171302H.

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At 171230H A/3-503d received one round of sniper fire vic CQ 095111. At 171817H A/3-503d sighted one VC sniper in tree vic CQ 097518 and engaged enemy with SA. Results one enemy KIA. No other significant activity was experienced throughout reporting period. A&D/3-503d conducted search and destroy operations in SE sector of AO. CSF moved by helilift from FSB ARROW to FSB PEAK and moved by foot to conduct search and destroy operations in AO FLINT. C/3-503d moved by helilift from FSB PEAK to FSB ARROW. D/16 Armor provided security and convoy escort for THSAC from TUY HOA to VUNG RO with SF time 171845H. Supporting arms: Bn utilized one combat Sky Spot BQ 95206075 and one CAS msn CQ001596 with neg BDA. Results for the day: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: 1 KIA (BC)/CSF: Friendly Losses: None/Enemy Losses: None.

n. 18 November 1967

Operational Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLLING. 3-503d Inf continued search and destroy opns in AO ARROW with no significant contact. CSF operated in AO FLINT and AO MOOSE with no significant contact. D/16 Armor continue convoy escort from TUY HOA to VUNG RO. Supporting Arms. Bn utilized one Cbt Sky Spot at BQ 95216050 with unk BDA and one CAS mission At BQ 970562, resulting 3 bunkers destroyed. Results for the day: US losses: None/Enemy Losses: None.

o. 19 November 1967:

Operation Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLLING. 3-503d Inf continued search and destroy opns in AO ARROW. CSF operated in AO FLINT and AO MOOSE with no significant contact. At 191900H D/3-503d was helilifted to FSB ARROW. At 191220H B/3-503d received SA and auto wpns fire vic CQ 040560. At 191350H A/3-503d Inf sighted 2 VC vic CQ 084508 and took them under fire, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). D/16 Armor continued convoy escort for THSAC From TUY HOA to VUNG RO. Supporting Arms Bn utilized one combat Sky Spot Vic CQ 031620 with neg BDA, and one CAS MSN VIC CQ 045595 resulting in one military structure destroyed and one damaged. Violat smoke was seen coming from structures immediately following strike. Results: US Losses: None/ Enemy Losses: 1 KIA (BC) / CSF Friendly Losses None/ Enemy Losses: None.

p. 20 November 1967

Operational Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued opn BOLLING. 3-503d Inf continued S&D opns in AO ARROW. At 201845H a dust-off helicopter received one rnd of sniper fire vic coord CQ 075514. Helicopter was not hit. At 202030H B/3-503d Inf sighted 2 VC moving toward company perimeter from the W. B/3-503d Inf throw 1 grenade and fired SA at enemy. VC fled to

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W with unknown results. At 202120H B/3-503d Inf sighted 3 VC approaching perimeter from W. VC tripped flare and claymore fired, Results: unknown. At 200830H CSF unit operating in AO MOOSE sighted an estimated NVA Co at a distance of 1500 meters, vic BQ 296594. CSF took enemy under fire. Enemy broke contact immediately. At 0845H CSF sighted a 6 man element vic BQ 910612. TAC Air on station was brought on target at 200945H. A sweep of the target area revealed no enemy casualties. No further contact was experienced by CSF units operating in AO FLINT and AO MOOSE. D/6 Armor provided convoy escort for THSAC from TUY HOA to VUNG RO. Supporting arms: Bn utilized one CAS mission and one combat Sky Spot throughout reporting period with neg EDA. Results: US losses: none/enemy losses: none/CSF friendly losses: none/enemy losses: unknown.

q. 21 November 1967:

Operational Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued opn BOLLING. 3-503d Inf continued S&D opns in AO ARROW with no significant contact. D/16 Armor continued convoy escort for THSAC from TUY HOA to VUNG RO. Supporting Arms: Bn utilized 2 combat Sky Spots vic CQ01205335 & BQ93506150 and one CAS msn vic BQ 93805830 with neg BDA due to weather. Results: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: None

r. 22 November 1967:

Operational Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued opn BOLLING. C&D/3-503d Inf and 4/47th ARVN conducted joint S&D opns in AO with no significant contact. At 00910H CSF engaged with 5 to 7 VC vic CQ 030444 resulting in 1 US WIA & unk enemy casualties. At 1020H CSF (DONG TRE) engaged 1 NVA plat (est 20 men) vic BQ88 592, resulting in unk enemy casualties and captured enemy materials. D/16 Armor continues convoy escort for THSAC fm TUY HOA to VUNG RO. Supporting Arms: Bn utilized 1 combat Sky Spot vic CQ 01205335 and two CAS missions vic BQ97851885 & BQ946581 resulting in 1 military structure destroyed & 6 foxholes closed. Results: US Losses: 1 WIA/enemy losses: none. CSF friendly losses: none/enemy losses: unknown.

s. 23 November 1967

Operational Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued opn BOLLING. C&D/3-503d W/2 CSF units and 4/47th ARVN conducted joint S&D opns in AO with no significant contact. CSF units conducted S&D opns in AO MOOSE with no contact. At 231115H DONG TRE CSF made contact with 2 VC plat vic BQ 926738 resulting in one friendly KIA and unk enemy losses. At 231950H D/3-503d received SA fire from 3 enemy vic BQ 991516 and returned fire with unk results. D/16 Armor continues convoy escort for THSAC from TUY HOA to VUNG RO.

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Supporting Arms: Bn utilized 2 combat Sky Spot vic BQ95305720 and BQ95306160 with neg BDA due to weather. Results: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: None CSF Friendly Losses: 1 KIA/Enemy Losses: unk.

t. 24 November 1967

Operational Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLLING. C&D/3-503d Inf with 2 CSF units continued S&D ops in AO with no significant contact. CSF units in AO MOOSE experienced no significant contact. D/16 Armor continued convoy escort for THSAC from TUY HOA to VUNG RO. Supporting Arms: TF utilized one combat Sky Spot Vic BQ 98255640 with neg BDA due to weather. Results: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: None/CSF: Friendly Losses: None/Enemy Losses: None.

u. 25 November 1967

Operational Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLLING. C&D/3-503d were extracted to FSB ARROW by heli lift commencing 251300H. A/3-503d conducted CA to NW sector of AO ARROW. CSF units operated in AO MOOSE and AO FLINT w/1 friendly initiated contact. At 251420H, CSF sighted 4 VC vic BQ 927591. All VC were armed with SA and 1 ML6. CSF took enemy under fire at a distance of 100 meters w/unk results. D/16 armor continued convoy escort from TUY HOA to VUNG RO. Supporting Arms: Bn utilized one combat Sky Spot vic BQ 936602 and 2 CAS missions, vic BQ939591 and BQ899550 w/neg BDA. Results: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: unk.

v. 26 November 1967

Operational Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLLING. D/3-503d Inf conducted CA to NW sector of AO ARROW. CSF units operated in AO MOOSE, AO CAROL and AO FLINT with one friendly initiated contact. At 261210H CSF sighted one VC vic BQ 929608, resulting in one VC KIA, one mine, one chicom grenade, 20 non-electric blasting caps, 20 kilos of rice and many documents captured. VC wore black uniform. At 261210H, D/3-503d sighted 4 VC in vic BQ945610. An air strike was called with unk BDA. At 261315, A/3-503d initiated contact and exchanged fire with one VC at BQ978540 with neg results. D/16 Armored continued convoy escort for THSAC from TUY HOA to VUNG RO. Supporting Arms: Bn utilized one combat Sky Spot vic BQ 867056 and one CAS mission vic BQ945610 w/neg BDA. Results: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: None/CSF Losses: None/Enemy Losses: 1 VC KIA.

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w. 27 November 1967

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continues Opn BOLLING.

3-503d Inf operated in TAOR with 2 enemy and 1 friendly initiated actions. At 270100H a VC company attacked a PF vic BQ824427. VC broke contact and fled to EAST. Arty was called in on escape route. Results: 3 Friendly KIA, 1 Hoi Chon KIA, 4 civ WIA/Enemy Losses: 1 carbine and 1 M1 captured. At 270955H B/3-503d received one rnd of sniper fire vic BQ979563 and returned SA fire with unk results. At 271224H, A/3-503d found VC base camp vic BQ977544. Approx 10 VC were occupying base camp. A Co engaged 3 armed VC while others fled. Results 2 VC KIA and (illegible) carbines, 1 chicom sub machine gun and 2 grenades captured. CSF units continued opns in AO FLINT and AO MOOSE with no significant contact. D/16 Armor continued convoy security for THSAC from TUY HOA to VUNG RO. Supporting Arms: Bn utilized 2 combat Sky Spots vic BQ88805470 and BQ 5155670 with unk BDA due to weather. Results: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC PW, 3 SA, and 2 grenades captured/CSF: Friendly Losses: 3 KIA 1 Hoi Chon KIA/Enemy Losses: 1 carbine and 1 M1 captured.

x. 28 November 1967

Operational Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLLING, with 1 friendly and 1 enemy initiated incident. At 2812112H DONG TRE CSF engaged 2 NVA vic BQ913594 at a distance of 50 meters resulting in 1 NVA KIA (BC) The other fled to the NW. CSF followed blood trail but could not reestablish contact. At 281605H B/3-503d found 1 BAR and 1 mauser rifle and 3 rnds of 7.9 ammo vic BQ374548. At 281730H C&C helicopter received one rnd of SA fire vic CQ 031645. C&C ship returned fire and landed capturing 1 detainee. Detainee had 5070 piasters when captured. CUNG SON CSF units operated in AO FLINT with no significant contact. D/16 Armor provided security for 6/32 Arty for Arty raid vic CQ 103372 and convoy escort for THSAC from TUY HOA to VUNG RO. Supporting Arms: Bn utilized 1 combat Sky Spot vic CQ 012598 with neg BDA due to weather: Results: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: 1 detainee/CSF Friendly Losses: None/Enemy Losses: 1 KIA (BC).

y. 29 November 1967

Operational Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLLING. 3-503d Inf continued search and destroy opns in AO ARROW with 1 friendly initiated incident. At 291215H, C&C helicopter sighted 3 enemy in khaki uniforms vic CQ 044627 and took them under fire with unk results. The CSF units operating in AO MOOSE were helilifted back to DONG TRE. B/3-503d was helilifted to FSB ARROW. C/3-503d conducted CA from FSB ARROW to LZ vic CQ 039619 and conducted S&D opns in area. At 291450H 1 Plat of B/3-503d

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conducted EAGLE FLIGHT to LZ vic BQ 990540. CUNG SON CSF units continued S&D opns in AO FLINT with no significant contact. At 291445H an observation aircraft had emergency landing at DONG TRE SF Camp. Aircraft was damaged by SA fire vic BQ 925783. One aerial observer was wounded (Medevac). D/16 armor provided convoy escort for THSAC from TUY HOA to VUNG RO. Supporting Arms: Bn utilized 1 combat Sky Spot vic BQ 8885690 and 1 CAS mission vic BQ 85355580 with neg BDA. Results: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: unk/CSF friendly Losses: None/Enemy Losses: None.

z. 30 November 1967

Operational Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLLING. 3-503d Inf continued S&D opns in AO ARROW with 1 friendly initiated incident. At 301044H D/3-503d observed 5 enemy vic BQ 958613 and called in arty fires. Subsequent search of area failed to disclose any enemy casualties. CUNG SON CSF continued opns in AO with no significant contact. D/16 Armor continued convoy escort for THSAC from TUY HOA to VUNG RO. Supporting Arms: Bn utilized 1 combat Sky Spot vic BQ 93905830 with neg BDA due to weather. Results: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: None/CSF Friendly Losses: None/Enemy Losses: None.

aa. 1 December 1967

Operational Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLLING. 3-503d Inf conducted Search and destroy opns in AO ARROW with 1 friendly initiated incident. At 302340H C/3-503d ambushed 4 VC vic CQ 033626. Subsequent search of area during daylight hours revealed no enemy casualties. CUNG SON CSF units continued S&D opns in AO with no significant contact. One CSF unit was replaced in AO by a fresh unit. At 1615H DONG TRE SF unit encountered 7 VC BQ 916756 and initiated contact from 200 meters with unk results. CSF unit apprehended 5 detainees (2 men, 2 women, and 1 child) in immediate vicinity of the contact. D/16 Armor continued convoy escort for TUY HOA to VUNG RO. Supporting Arms: TF 3-503d utilized 1 combat Sky Spot vic BQ 96454520 with neg BDA, and one CAS mission vic BQ 916756 with unk BDA. Results: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: None/CSF Friendly Losses: None/Enemy Losses: 5 detainees.

bb. 2 December 1967

Operational Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLLING. 3-503d Inf conducted S&D opns in AO ARROW with neg contact. C/3-503d and 2 elements of D/3-503d were extracted from AO ARROW at 1447H to PHU HIEP. CUNG SON CSF #1 conducting S&D opn in AO FLINT initiated one friendly contact at 0930H. CUNG SON CSF #1 initiated contact with 7 VC moving S in vic BQ 974449. Results: 1 VC POW. D/16 Armor continued convoy escort from TUY HOA to VUNG RO. Supporting Arms: Bn utilized 1 combat Sky Spot vic BQ 91406130 with neg BDA. Results: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: None/CSF Friendly Losses: None/Enemy Losses: 1 VC POW (WIA).

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cc. 3 December 1967

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLLING. C&D/3-503d, D/16(-) Armor, 1/4/47th ARVN, and CUNG SON CSF #1 conducted joint sweep and clear ops in AO FLINT with one friendly initiated contact. At 031505H Dec 67 CUNG SON CSF #1 initiated contact with 7 VC at BQ 954515 with unk enemy results. VC broke contact and moved W. Results Friendly Losses: None/Enemy Losses: 4 rucksacks, 1 pistol belt, 2 chicom grenades, 1 pair of chinese binoculars captured. A/3-503d continued S&D ops in AO ARROW. At 0845H D/16 Armor had 1 HOI CHANH and 7 detainees (1 male and 6 female) surrender at vic CQ 014379. At 1024H 2 HOI CHANH surrendered to D/16 Armor vic CQ014375. At 1350H, C/3-503d captured 2 VC POW's, 2 US grenades, 1 US canteen, 1 bayonet and 1 VC flag without incident. At 1430H vic BQ 983373, C/3-503d captured 3 VC POW's and one grenade without incident. At 1435H HHC (-) 3-503d apprehended 1 VC POW vic BQ 970380. At 1530H vic BQ983373 C/3-503d apprehended 3 VC POW's (poss) without incident. D/16 Armor continued convoy escort from TUY HOA to VUNG RO. Results: US losses: None/Enemy Losses: 10 VC POW's, 3 VC returnees, and 8 detainees.

dd. 4 December 1967

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLLING. C&D/3-503d and CUNG SON CSF continued joint sweep and clear ops in AO FLINT without contact. CUNG SON CSF operating in AO MOOSE initiated one friendly contact. At 1400H vic BQ 928561, CUNG SON CSF #2 ambushed 4 VC moving W on trail resulting in 1 VC KIA and 1 VC WIA (CIA), 2 carbines and 2 chicom grenades captured. Friendly losses none. At 1000H A/3-503d made a CA to AO ROCK vic coord CQ 019409 to establish and secure FSB ROCK. B/3-503d continued to secure FSB ARROW. 3-503d CP was moved from FSB ARROW to FSB ROCK. D/16 Armor was released from ops in AO FLINT and returned to provide convoy security from TUY HOA to VUNG RO. 1/4/47th ARVN departed AO FLINT for other ops with parent unit. Results: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: None/CSF Friendly Losses: None/Enemy Losses: 1 VC KIA, 1 VC WIA (CIA), 2 carbines, and 2 chicom grenades captured.

ee. 5 December 1967

Operations Summary: TF 3/503d continued opn BOLLING. 3-503d Inf and CUNG SON CSF continued S&D opn in AO ROCK with 3 friendly and 2 enemy initiated contact. At 1025H, vic coord BQ 944546, CSF #2 initiated contact with 7 VC resulting in 1 VC WIA (CIA) and 2 CSF WIA's. At 1200H-1301H vic BQ 950550, CSF #2 initiated contact with an unk number of VC. CSF #2 were pursuing the fleeing VC and were engaged by VC in bunkers and entrenchments. CSF 2 broke contact and requested fire support. Due to weather, artillery could not be adjusted. However, FAC was able to penetrate and called in 2 sorties for C.S. BDA 100/100 unk results. During this airstrike at 1450H, the

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3/503d C&C ship spotted 2 VC and engaged them with 1 VC KIA. At 1005H C/3-503d made a CA to BQ997444 and the first slick received 2 rnds S/A from the trees on the N-NW side of the LZ. Inspection of that area by C/3-503d had neg results. D/16 Armor provided convoy escort from TUY HOA to VUNG RO. Supporting Arms: Bn utilized one CAS msn at 1450H BQ 95005500. Results: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: 1 KIA (BC) / CSF Friendly Losses: 2 WIA/Enemy Losses 1 VC POW.

ff. 6 December 1967

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d continued opn BOLLING. 3-503d Inf and CUNG SON CSF #1 continued S&D opns in AO ROCK with no significant contact. CUNG CON CSF #2 continued S&D opns in AO ARROW with no significant contact. D/16 Armor continued convoy escort for THSAC from TUY HOA to VUNG RO. B/3-503d was extracted by helilift from FSB ARROW to FSB ROCK. Supporting Arms: Bn utilized one combat Sky Spot vic BQ 93206310 with neg BDA and two CAS msns vic BQ 976538 resulting in 3 bunkers and 2 structures destroyed. Results: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: None / CSF Friendly Losses: None Enemy Losses: None

gg. 7 December 1967

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d continues opn BOLLING. 3-503d Inf conducted S&D opns in AO ROCK with no significant contact. B/3-503d moved North to FSB ROCK and conducted S&D opns. D/3-503d closes FSB ROCK. D/16 Armor continued convoy escort for THSAC from TUY HOA to VUNG RO. Supporting Arms: Bn utilized one combat Sky Spot vic CQ 01505800 with neg BDA. Results US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: None / CSF Friendly Losses: None/Enemy Losses None

hh. 8 December 1967

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d continues opn BOLLING. A/3-503d conducted CA to LZ vic CQ 025613 and in coordination with 26th ROK Regt conducted S&D opns in zone with no significant contact. At 1125H B/3-503d sighted one NVA on trail vic CQ 014437. Attempts to halt NVA failed and B Co took NVA under fire. NVA was wounded and evacuated to hospital where he died of wounds. At 1345H C&C helicopter sighted 2 persons in rice fields vic CQ 011584 and took them under fire. One woman was wounded and captured. The other person fled. At 1415H B/3-503d found 3 graves vic CQ 013434. Graves contained 3 NVA bodies approx 10-14 days old. A fresh trail leading West from the grave site was checked by unit. At 1423H the point of B/3-503d was taken under fire vic CQ 014434 resulting in 1 US WIA (serious-medevac). B Co employed Arty and 2 CAS missions in vic. At 1705H, 1st plat of B/3-503, while searching area hit by arty and air, received autocwps fir vic CQ 008434 resulting in 1 US KIA and

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1 US WIA (serious medevac). B/3-503d returned fire with unk results. NVA plat with auto wpns in vicinity. CSF Units operated in AO ROCK and AO ARROW with no significant contact. C/3-503d conducted GA from PZ vic B0984386 to LZ vic CQ 002465 as blocking force and conducted S&D opns in immediate vicinity with no significant contact. D/16 Armor continued convoy escort for THSAC from TUY HOA to VUNG RO. At 072130 convoy received 3-6 rnds S/A fire resulting in no US Losses. Supporting Arms: Bn utilized one combat Sky Spot and 3 CAS msns with unk EDA. Results: US Losses: 1 WIA, 2 WIA / enemy Losses: 4 KIA (EC) and 1 detainee captured CSF friendly losses: None/enemy losses; None.

ii. 9 December 1967

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d continued opn BOLLING. 3-503d Inf and CUNG SON CSF units continued S&D opns in AO ROCK with no significant contact. A/3-503d "OPCON" to 26th ROK Regt conducted S&D opns in NE sector of AO ARROW with no significant contact. D/16 Armor continued convoy escort for T SAC from TUY HOA to VUNG RO. A/5/27 Arty. Supporting Arms: Bn utilized 2 CAS msns vic C 010435 & B 93005370 with neg BDA. Results: US losses: None/Enemy Losses: None / CSF Friendly Losses: None/Enemy Losses: None

jj. 10 December 1967

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d continued opn BOLLING. 3-503d minus and CUNG SON CSF units continued S&D opns in AO ROCK. At 101110H, B/3-503d initiated contact with 9 NVA vic CQ 005447 resulting in 3 NVA KIA (EC). Three NVA escaped to E, 3 to the N. Two of the NVA who escaped were wearing bandages. At 1245H, B/3-503d sighted a poncho hut vic C 003443 and took it under fire resulting in 1 NVA KIA (EC). At 1310H, B/3-503d found one dead NVA KIA by S/A vic C 003443. Body was still warm. At 1315H, B/3-503 found 1 dead NVA and 1 dead VC killed by shrapnel. At 1340H, B/3-503d initiated contact with 1 NVA vic C 004440 resulting in 1 NVA KIA (EC). At 1417H B/3-503d found 6 graves with bodies (NVA) vic C 007444. Bodies were approx 2 days old. At 1445H, B/3-503d found 2 graves with 1 dead NVA KIA by S/A fire vic C 007445. Body was approx 2 days old. CUNG SON CSF #2 was replaced by fresh unit from CUNG SON. A/3-503d OPCON to 26th ROK Regt had no significant contact. D/16 Armor continues convoy escort for THSAC from TUY HOA to VUNG RO. Supporting Arms: Bn utilized two combat Sky Spots vic B 961548 and B 908548 with neg BDA. Results: US Losses: None/enemy losses: 14 NVA KIA and 1 VC KIA/CSF Friendly Losses: None Enemy Losses: None

kk. 11 December 1967

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d continued opn BOLLING. 3-503d Inf and CUNG SON CSF Units continued S&D opns in AO ROCK with no significant

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contact. At 101120H CQ 007447 B/3-503d found two graves 400 rnds 7.62 SA, 6 rucksacks, and 2 grenades. Graves will be exhumed 12 Dec. A/3-503d was released OPCON to 26th ROK Regt and replaced C/3-503d in AO ROCK. C/3-503d was helilifted to new FSB CLARA (BQ 957492). Bn Hq & B/5/27 Arty moved to FSB CLARA. D/3-503d remained at FSB ROCK. D/16 Armor conducted convoy escort for THSAC from TUY HOA to VUNG RO. Supporting Arms: Bn utilized three combat Sky Spots vic BQ 90005150, BQ 87606210 & BQ 92805345 with neg BDA due to weather. Results: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: None/CSF Friendly Losses: None/Enemy Losses: None

11. 12 December 1967

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued opn BOLLING with no change in organization or mission. B/3-503d continued to search base camp area found previously. At 1209H, 1 NVA CHIEN HOI D to B/3-503d via CQ 004446. NVA had a broken leg and was medevaced to 91st hosp. During the day B/3-503d found 20 huts, many documents, 1 SKS 57, 387 SA rnds, 27 82mm rnds, 2 grenades, 2 civ type radios, 1 pr binoculars and 20 2 man foxholes. At 121355H A/3-503d operating N of B Co spotted 5 enemy vic BQ 995456. Arty and air were called on tgt with unk BDA. At 121430H B/3-503d initiated contact with 1 NVA vic CQ 004445. NVA was wounded during contact but escaped to W. B/3-503d followed blood trail with neg results. CUNG SON CSF units and B/3-503 continued opns in AO with no significant contact. D/16 Armor continued convoy escort for THSAC from TUY HOA to VUNG RO. Supporting Arms: Bn utilized combat Sky Spot vic BQ 93955415 with neg BDA. 1 CAS msn vic BQ 85755625 resulting in small secondary explosions and 2 CAS msns vic BQ 87455545 with unk BDA. Results: US Losses: None/enemy Losses: 1 returnee, 1 SA wpn, 387 SA rnds, 27 82mm rnds, 2 grenades, and 2 radios captured.

mm. 13 December 1967

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLLING. 3-503d Inf and CUNG SON CSF units conducted S&D opns in AO ROCK with 3 friendly initiated incidents resulting in 2 NVA FIA (BC). At 131021H A/3-503d initiated contact w/3 NVA vic BQ 995464 resulting in 1 NVA KIA. At 131025H, B/3-503d initiated contact w/2 NVA vic CQ 005443 resulting in 1 NVA KIA. At 131130H B/3-503d initiated contact with 6 NVA w/wpns vic CQ 008443. Arty fire was called in. Search of area revealed blood trails but no bodies. A&B 3-503d captured 463 S/A rnds, 23 grenades, 4 B40 rkts, 2 M79 rnds, 12 lbs TNT, 12 82mm mortar rnds. 15 huts were destroyed in base areas while searching base camps throughout the operational area. D/16 Armor continued convoy escort for THSAC from TUY HOA to VUNG RO. Supporting Arms: Bn utilized 2 combat Sky Spots vic BQ 88105885 & BQ 97003950 w/neg BDA due to weather. Results: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: 2 NVA KIA (BC)

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nr. 14 December 1967

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLLING. 3-503d Inf and CUNG SON CSF units conducted S&D opns in AO ROCK with neg contacts. At 141045H, A-3-503d found a rest area & possible hospital. Effective 141500H 3-503d Inf released from OPCOM to IFFV and returned to parent organization. CSF #1 at 140915H completed change over of units. At (1720H) B-3-503d found 284 rnds of S/A ammo, 7 grenades, 1 mile of WD1 commo wire, 25 lbs of salt. Supporting Arms: Bn did not utilize any air strikes due to higher priority in other areas. D/16 Armor released from OPCOM to 3-503d Inf effective 141500H Dec 67. Results: US Losses: None/ Enemy Losses: None.

oo. 15 December 1967

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLLING. 3-503d Inf and CUNG SON CSF Units conducted S&D opns in AO ROCK with 1 enemy & 1 friendly initiated incident resulting in 4 NVA KIA (BC) and 1 friendly WIA. At 150749H B-3-503d found one dead NVA, 3 days old killed by napalm. Captured 1 XSKS 36 rifle, 4 grenades, 106 rnds of ammo (S/A). CSF #2 Vietnamese tripped a mine resulting in 1 CSF KIA. B-3-503d completed move to FSB CLARA at 151600H. At 1516H C-3-503d found a rest area consisting of 16 bunkers W/OHC. Supporting Arms: Bn utilized 1 combat Sky Spot vic BQ989051 and 2 CAS msns vic CQ015470 and CQ015478 all W/Neg BDA. Results: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: 4 KIA (BC). CSF Friendly Losses: 1 KIA/Enemy Losses: None.

pp. 16 December 1967

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLLING II. 3-503d and CUNG SON CSF Units conducted S&D opns in AO CLARA. At 160400 C-3-503d departed FSB CLARA by foot in a NE direction to conduct S&D opns. AO ROCK was redesignated AO CLARA. Supporting Arms: Bn utilized 1 combat Sky Spot vic BQ 99003930 with neg BDA and 1 CAS msn vic BQ973518 with neg BDA and 1 CAS msn vic CQ013484 with 1 secondary explosion and 1 bunker BDA. CUNG SON CSF camp continued to provide two CSF companies in a mutually supporting role providing a screen from N-S and E-W on the SW portion of the AO. Results: US Losses: None/ Enemy Losses: None.

qq. 17 December 1967

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLLING II. 3-503d Inf and CUNG SON CSF Companies conducted S&D opns in AO CLARA with 2 friendly initiated incidents resulting in 1 NVA KIA (BC). At 171230H A/3-503d Inf initiated contact with 4 enemy vic CQ006485 with unk results. Arty fires and CAS was called in. At 171650H C-3-503d Inf lifted from PZ vic BQ 975525 and closed LZ vic BQ998488 at 171644H to conduct S&D opns in

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conjunction with A/3/503d Inf. Arty prep of LZ 171607H - 171617H. At 171720H D/3/503d Inf initiated contact with 1 NVA vic BQ998457. Results: 1 NVA KIA (BC). Supporting Arms: B/3/503d Inf utilized 1 combat Sky Spot vic BQ973572 with neg BDA 3 CAS msns vic BQ973623, CQ005486, and CQ006487 with neg BDA, 1 CAS msn vic CQ005486 with neg BDA. Results: US Losses: None Enemy Losses: 1 KIA (BC).

rr. 18 December 1967

Operations Summary: TF 3/503d Inf continued opn BOLLING II. 3/503d Inf and CUNG SON CSF Companies conducted S&D opn in AO CLARA with no significant contact. D/3/503d Inf commenced extraction from PZ vic BQ998456 at 181014H and closed PHU HIEP 181140H to assume mission of Bde Reaction Force. At 181855H B/3/503d Inf sighted 5 unidentified personnel 300M SW of FSB CLARA (vic BQ959496). Illumination mission was fired and one enemy was sighted and engaged with M79 fire with unk results. Bn did not utilize any air strikes. Results: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: None

ss. 19 December 1967

Operations Summary: TF 3/503d Inf continued opn BOLLING II. 3/503d Inf and CUNG SON Companies conducted S&D opn in AO CLARA with neg contact. A/3/503d Inf was extracted from LZ vic CQ017495 to FSB CLARA to assume perimeter security 20 Dec 67. Exchange of CUNG CON CSF #2 from LZ vic BQ859497 commenced 191630. Dec 67, and was completed 191710H Dec 67. Results: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: None

tt. 20 December 1967

Operations Summary: TF 3/503d Inf continued opn BOLLING II. 3/503d Inf and CUNG SON CSF Companies conducted S&D opn in AO CLARA with one friendly initiated contact resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 200435H C/3/503d ambushed an estimated 5 VC vic CQ012493 resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). B/3/503d made CA on LZ vic BQ906578, 200905H without incident. C/3/503d Inf was extracted from LZ vic CQ017495 commencing 201600H and closed FSB CLARA 201550H. Supporting Arms: Bn utilized one Sky Spot vic BQ903535 with neg BDA and two CAS msns vic BQ946521 and BQ991428 with neg BDA. Results: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: 2 VC KIA

uu. 21 December 1967

Operations Summary: TF 3/503d Inf continued opn BOLLING II. 3/503d Inf and CUNG SON CSF Companies conducted S&D opn in AO CLARA with neg contact. C/3/503d Inf departed FSB CLARA 210930H to conduct S&D opn in the N of FSB. Supporting Arms: Bn utilized one Sky Spot vic BQ889547 with neg BDA, one CAS msn vic BQ914593 with 1 NVA KBA - BDA, and two CAS msns vic BQ995455 and BQ933464. Results: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: 1 NVA KBA

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vv. 22 December 1967

Operations Summary: TF 3-503 continued opn BOLLING II. 3-503d Inf and CUNG SON CSF Companies conducted S&D opns in AO CLAPA with neg contact. D/3-503d Inf released from mission of Bde Reaction Force and closed FSB CLARA from THU HIEF 221005H. D/3-503d Inf made CA after Arty prep on LZ vic BQ 871543. CA commenced 221223H and D/3-503d Inf closed LZ 221245H without incident. CUNG SON CSF #1 departed AO CLARA by foot to assume mission vic CUNG SON. Supporting Arms: Bn utilized one SS vic BQ 932464 with Neg BDA. Results: US Losses None/Enemy Losses / None

ww. 23 December 1967

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued opn BOLLING II. 3-503d Inf and CUNG SON CSF #2 Company conducted opns in AO CLAPA with 1 friendly initiated incident. At 230915H B/3-503d Inf observed 2 NVA vic BQ 919590 and called in Arty with unk results. 3-503d Inf released from mission of Bde Reaction Force effective 231500H. Supporting Arms: Bn utilized one Sky Spot at BQ 926507 with neg BDA and one FAC at BQ 885526 with 2 cave entrances destroyed. Results: US Losses None/Enemy Losses: None.

xx. 24 December 1967

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued opn BOLLING II. 3-503d Inf and CUNG SON CSF #2 conducted S&D opns in AO CLAPA with neg contact. Supporting Arms: Bn utilized 1 Sky Spot at BQ 926507 and two FAC msns at BQ 886545 and BQ 895555 with neg BDA. Results: US Losses / None/Enemy Losses: None

yy. 25 December 1967

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued opn BOLLING II. 3-503d Inf and CUNG SON CSF #2 Company continued opns in AO CLAPA with one enemy and two friendly initiated incidents resulting in one US KIA and two US WIA. At 250755H D/3-503d Inf received auto wpns fire on perimeter vic BQ 885525 resulting in one US KIA and two US WIA. At 250755 a D/3-503d Inf patrol returning from ambush took 1 individual under fire with neg results. At 251417H D/3-503d Inf sighted two individuals at BQ 874536 and engaged them with Arty with unk results. At 252136H A/3-503d Inf observed flash-light vic BQ 946499 and engaged with 81mm mortars with unk results. Supporting Arms: None Results: US Losses: 1 KIA, 2 WIA/Enemy Losses: unk

zz. 26 December 1967.

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continues opn BOLLING II. 3-503d Inf and CUNG SON CSF #2 continued opns in AO CLAPA with neg contact. At 261402H D/3-503d Inf commenced extraction to FSB CLARA from FZ loc BQ

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872544 and closed FSB 261450H without incident. At 261535H E/3-503d Inf commenced extraction to FSB CLARA from PZ loc BQ 906580 and closed FSB 261615H without incident. Supporting Arms: Bn utilized 1 FAC msn vic BQ 881523 with Neg BDA. Results US Losses None/Enemy Losses: None.

aaa. 27 December 1967

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued opn BOLLING II. 3-503d Inf established a new FSB at DONG TRE SF Camp while the four line units conducted C/A in AO ENFIELD to commence S&D opns. At 270852H C Co was extracted from vic BQ 960556 into LZ "C" (BQ 877790) at 270906H, neg contact, units closed at 270911H and conducted S&D opn 4.2" mortar plat and a CSF Co were positioned vic BQ 925758. B Co was air lifted from FSB CLARA at 270945H, moved S in cloverleaf configuration. D Co was airlifted from FSB CLARA to LZ "D" (BQ 905795) At 271115H, neg contact, movement complete 271118H, company maneuvered N and ran into fire from NE, E and SE. Company formed perimeter, A Co was air lifted from FSB CLARA into LZ "A" (BQ 917773) at 271210H, movement complete 271215H, immediately received fire from W initially and then from E and S. Fire from E and S grew heavy. Unit moved SW to start securing LZ. A UH 1D on last lift was hit and burned after which fire was received from all four directions. At 271437H D Co 4-503d Inf (Bde reaction force) was sent to assist A Co and B Co maneuvered S to join D Co. Bn units operated from two strong points for night lagger site. Bn utilized 19 FAC msn within the Bn AO in conjunction with the opn in addition to available artillery support. C Co was extracted to DONG TRE as a Bn reaction force at 1600H. Results: US Losses: 12 KIA, 57 WIA (2-DR) Enemy Losses: 59 NVA KIA.

bbb. 28 December 1967

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued opn BOLLING II. 3-503d Inf continued S&D opns in AO ENFIELD with 3 enemy and 1 friendly initiated contact with unk enemy casualties. At 280232H A/3-503d Inf and D/4-503d received incoming hand grenades and S/A fire on perimeter vic BQ 903783 which continued until 280427H. Arty fire called in with unk results. At 281007H A/3-503d received 3 rnds B40 rkts with neg casualties vic BQ 903783. TAC Air called in with unk results. At 281815H B/3-503d Inf fired 81mm mortars at one man running S vic BQ 906787 with unk results. At 281915H C/3-503d Inf received one hand grenade on perimeter vic BQ 904704 with neg casualties. Supporting Arms: Bn utilized 3 FAC msns, two vic BQ 899717 and one vic BQ 865763 with neg BDA. Results: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: unk

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Operations Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLLING. 3-503d Inf continued S&D opns in AO ENFIELD with 3 enemy initiated and 3 friendly initiated contacts with unk enemy casualties. At 290001H D/4-503 rec'd 2 hand grenades on ambush site vic BQ 902781 with neg casualties. At 291014H D/4-503d at BQ 918773 made contact with 9 VC and took 1 VC POW. Remainder fled to the S. At 291300H D/4-503d was extracted from AO ENFIELD to revert back to 4-503d Inf. At 291745H C&C ship engaged 1 man in black PF's vic BQ 892785 with unk results. At 291930H C/3-503d sighted 2 pers thru NOD at BQ 904703 and engaged with SA with unk results. At 292327H C/3-503d observed 2 pers at BQ 902703 thru Starlite Scope and engaged with M79 and M60 with unk results. Supporting Arms: Bn utilized 3 FAC msns at BQ 896775 and BQ 871831 with neg BDA. Results: US Losses: none/Enemy Losses: 1 VC POW.

ddd. 30 December 1967

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLLING II. 3-503d Inf continued S&D opns AO ENFIELD with 1 enemy and 1 friendly initiated incident with neg casualties. At 301010H one sqd of C/3-503d and 1 sqd DONG TRE CSF closed into village of PHU ZUAN (1) as a show of force to reduce sniping from that area. The two squads returned 301700H. At 301130H one 2½ ton trk of HHC 3-503d engaged 15 pers in black PJ's vic BQ 915765 with unk results. No TAC air was used for this period. Results: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: unk.

eee. 31 December 1967

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLLING II. 3-503d Inf continued S&D opns in AO ENFIELD with two friendly initiated actions with unk results. At 310735H A/3-503d commenced extraction from PZ vic BQ 902767 to return to PHU HIEP to assume mission of Bde Reaction Force. Extraction was completed at 310751H. At 310949H C/3-503d made CA on LZ vic BQ 867767 after TAC Air and Arty prep. C/3-503d closed on LZ at 311036H without incident. At 311029H C/3-503d engaged 1 man wearing tiger fatigues vic BQ 869771 with unk results. At 311204H elements of C/3-503d engaged 2 VC vic BQ 869771 with SA and 81mm with unk results. At 311510H tracker team arrived at loc B/3-503d. New Years cease fire commenced 311800H. Bn utilized 2 FAC msns vic BQ 912803 with neg BDA. Results: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: Unk.

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fff. 1 January 1968

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continues Opn BOLLING II. 3-503d Inf continued S&D opns in AO ENFIELD with three enemy and one friendly initiated incidents. At 011125H B/3-503d made contact with 3-4 man stay behind force on trail vic BQ 915804. Results of contact: 1 NVA KIA (BC) and 2 US WIA. At 011425H C&C ship received 2 rnds of sniper fire vic BQ 923803 with neg hits. At 012040H ambush from C/3-503d fired at two indiv at BQ 882772 with unk results. Individuals did not return fire and ambush remained in position. At 012109H amb from C/3-503d was fired upon by 6-8 persons at BQ 887770. Enemy broke contact with hand grenades and ambush changed location. No airstrikes were utilized during this period. Results: US Losses: 2 WIA/Enemy Losses: 1 NVA KIA.

ggg. 2 January 1968

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continues Opn BOLLING II. 3-503d Inf continued S&D opns in AO ENFIELD with one friendly and one enemy initiated incidents. At 020956H A/3-503d closed DONG TRE from PHU HIEP. At 021045H A/3-503d made CA after TAC Air and arty prep on LZ vic BQ 923788 with no incident. At 021446H C/3-503d initiated contact with two individuals vic BQ 877774. Results 1 VC CIA (WIA). At 021503H B/3-503d received sniper fire from vic BQ 924799 resulting in 1 US WIA. Unit returned fire with M79 and M60 MG with unk results. At 021728H A/3-503d was extracted from PZ vic BQ 923788 to DONG TRE. Bn utilized 5 FAC msns as follows: BQ 923788, neg BDA; BQ 927796, neg BDA; BQ 925790, neg BDA; BQ 935799, 5 KBA; BQ 905 745, 5 KBA. Results: US Losses: 1 WIA/Enemy Losses: 10 KIA (posc).

hhh. 3 January 1968

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLLING II. 3-503d Inf continued S&D opns in AO ENFIELD with 1 friendly and 1 enemy initiated incidents. At 030900H air movement from DONG TRE began to insert A/3-503d into LZ at BQ 933786 and backhaul B/3-503d. Exchange of units completed 030926H without incident. B/3-503d assumed mission of Bde Reaction Force upon closing DONG TRE. At 031358H A/3-503d sighted 3 VC vic BQ 920783 and called in Arty with unk results. At 031931H B/3-503d received 10 rnds sniper fire from across stream vic BQ 904705 and returned fire with neg casualties. Bn did not utilize any TAC Air. Results: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: Unk.

iii. 4 January 1968

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLLING II. 3-503d Inf continued S&D opns in AO ENFIELD with 2 enemy initiated and 3 friendly initiated actions resulting in 4 NVA KIA (BC), 1 VC CIA and 1 NVA

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CIA. At 040710H ambush from A/3-503d returning to perimeter received sniper fire at BQ 935788. M79's were fired with unk results. At 041038H A/3-503d took 3 individuals who came into area under fire at BQ 894767. Results of action were 1 NVA KIA (BC) and 1 NVA CIA. At 041132H C/3-503d spotted 2 VC wearing black PJ's moving across open field at BQ 903777. C/3-503d took them under fire and followed blood trail. Results of action were 2 NVA KIA (BC) and 1 VC CIA. At 041425H D/3-503d sighted NVA with rucksack and engaged with M79 and M60 MG fire. Results of action 1 NVA KIA (BC). At 041845H C/3-503d received 1 rnd of sniper fire vic BQ 905781 with neg casualties. Bn did not utilize TAC Air. Results: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: 4 NVA KIA, 1 VC, 1A, 1 NVA CIA.

jjj. 5 January 1968

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLLING II. 3-503d Inf continued S&D opns in AO ENFIELD with 1 enemy initiated action resulting in neg casualties. At 050858H A/3-503d lifted from PZ vic BQ 931786 and made CA after TAC Air and arty prep on LZ vic BQ 894834 without incident. CA of A/3-503d completed at 050915H. At 051058H D/3-503d lifted from PZ vic BQ 870776 and made CA after TAC Air and arty prep on LZ vic BQ 886806 without incident. CA of D/3-503d completed at 051120H. At 052026H C/3-503d received 1 sniper round from E and 2 rnds from N and 1 hand grenade with neg casualties. Unit returned fire with neg results. Bn utilized 2 FAC msns for LZ preps at BQ 895822 and BQ 885802 with neg BDA. Results: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: None.

kkk. 6 January 1968

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLLING II. 3-503d Inf continued S&D opns in AO ENFIELD with no incidents. At 062025H C/3-503d heard noises from BQ 917767 which sounded like someone building. At 062055H Arty was called in and C/3-503d heard screams and apparent digging with neg noise after Arty completed. Bn utilized one Sky Spot at BQ 917798 and three FAC msns at BQ 865780, BQ 910813, and BQ 872834 with neg BDA. Results: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: None.

lll. 7 January 1968

Operational Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLLING II. 3-503d Inf continued S&D opns in AO ENFIELD without incident. On 070314H C/3-503d heard heavy movement vic BQ 9047 and BQ 7659. Arty was fired with unk results. On 071605H B/3-503d reverted to Bn control and was helilifted to LZ vic BQ 913783 secured by C/3-503d. Bn utilized 3 FAC msns: BQ 913877, neg BDA; BQ 933878, neg BDA; BQ 917855, 4 KBA (poss). Results: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: unk.

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mmm. 8 January 1968

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLLING II. 3-503d Inf continued S&D opns in AO ENFIELD with 1 friendly initiated incident. On 080952H C/3-503d began CA on LZ vic BQ 917860 after TAC Air and arty prep of LZ. Unit closed on LZ without incident on 081009H. On 081027H B/3-503d began CA on LZ vic BQ 931884 after TAC Air and arty prep of LZ. Unit closed on LZ without incident at 081044H. On 081100H A/3-503d sighted 10 VC vic BQ 896842 and took them under indirect fire with unk results. On 081400H 4.2" mortar plat commenced move from Mortar Base #1 to FSB #6. Unit closed FSB #6 at 081433H. Bn utilized 3 FAC msns vic BQ 916860 and BQ 896851 with neg BDA. Results: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: unk.

nnn. 9 January 1968

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLLING. 3-503d Inf continued S&D opns in AO ENFIELD without incident. B/3-503d and C/3-503d continued S&D opns to the East in extended AO ENFIELD. A/3-503d and D/3-503d continued opns as TF ROCK. Bn did not utilize any Air Strikes. Results: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: None.

ooo. 10 January 1968

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLLING. 3-503d Inf continued S&D opns in AO ENFIELD without incident. D/3-503d moved to and secured site for new FSB vic BQ928820. Bn utilized one FAC msn vic BQ 844878 with neg BDA. Results: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: None.

ppp. 11 January 1968

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLLING. 3-503d Inf continued S&D opns in AO ENFIELD without incident. On 110740HCF began movement from DONG TRE to FSB #6 and closed 111044H. Bn utilized one Sky Spot vic BQ 875815 and 2 FAC msns vic BQ 957885 and BQ875815 with neg BDA. Results: US Losses: None/Enemy Losses: None.

qqq. 12 January 1968

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLLING. 3-503d Inf continued S&D opns in AO ENFIELD with one friendly initiated incident with neg results. On 121600H A/3-503d initiated contact with 6 VC vic BQ 903828 with M-79 and M60 MG fire. VC fled to the West up a hill. Arty and TAC Air called in and search of area disclosed neg results. Bn utilized 2 FAC msns vic BQ 903828 and BQ 906895 with neg BDA. Results: US Losses/ None/ Enemy Losses: unk.

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rrr. 13 January 1968

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLLING. All companies continued Search and Destroy opns in AO ENFIELD. At 131145H one 4.2" mortar was helilifted to Co 1 at BQ 964848. At 131215H, D/3-503d found grave containing 1 NVA body approx 15 days old. At 131430, D/3-503d sighted 2 VC W/wpns vic BQ 916806. Enemy taken under fire with unk results. Results of opns: US Losses: none/enemy losses: unk.

sss. 14 January 1968

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLLING. Companies continued S&D opns in AO ENFIELD. At 141000H, C/3-503d conducted CA to LZ vic 139902768, C/3-503d engaged 4 to 5 enemy vic LZ w/unk results. At 141230H, C/3-503d found 2 rucksacks w/1VC grenade and 25 rnds of AK 47 ammo vic BQ 902768. At 141342, C/3-503d found 1 NVA WIA w/AK-47 vic BQ 903768. NVA died prior to DUSTOFF. At 141415H, D/3-503d found base camp area vic BQ 916792 containing 30 bunkers. Bunkers were destroyed. Results of opns: US Losses: none/Enemy Losses: 1 NVA KIA, 1 S/A wpn captured.

ttt. 15 January 1968

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d Inf continued Opn BOLLING. At 150835H, FSB commenced displacement from FSB #6 to FSB #8 (BQ917778). FSB move was completed at 151323. At 150903, D/3-503d was helilifted to DONG TRE to secure FSB #4. At 151047, C/3-503d captured 2 VC with wpns vic FSB #8 location. At 151125H, B/3-503d tripped a booby trap resulting in 4 US WIA. Results of opns: US losses: 4/WIA/ Enemy Losses: 2 VC pow's and 2 SA CIA.

uuu. 16 January 1968

Operations Summary: TF 3-503d Inf at 160800H, commenced move to TUY HOA AFB for move to CAMP RADCLIFF. At 161500H, 3-503d closed TUY HOA AFB and commenced airlift to AN KHE AFLD. At 162010H, 3-503d closed AN KHE AFLD.

14. LOGISTIC/ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

a. Supply: Upon the Battalion's arrival at PRU HIEP, the battalion logistical opns center was established. Class I, III, IIIA, and V supply support, barrier materials, quartermaster laundry and graves registration service was available through TUY HOA Subarea command. Companies and fire support bases were resupplied solely by helicopter.

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b. Maintenance: The Battalion maintenance platoon and a contingent from Company "D" (maintenance), 173d Spt Bn established maintenance facilities at PHU HIEP. Maintenance throughout the operation was adequate.

c. Medical: During operations a clearing station consisting of the Surgeon and 4 medical aidmen was established at the FSB. Superficial wounds and illnesses were treated at the FSB. Evacuation was provided by the 61st Hospital at PHU HIEP. At no time was medical aid not readily available.

d. Communications: The Battalion communications platoon installed SOP communications and maintained communications to higher and adjacent headquarters. Communications installed and maintained included FM and FT secure voice, RATT, Comm Center, VHF, switchboard and wire.

e. Personnel and Administration:

(1) The Battalion deployed with an assigned strength of 36 officers, 2 warrant officers, and 756 enlisted men.

(2) Casualties:

KIA.	17
WIA.	79
MIA.	0
Non Battle Dead.	1
Non Battle Injured	54

(3) Personnel Services:

(a) Religious services conducted: 30.

(b) Awards:

Submitted: 33

Approved: 29

(c) Memorial services were conducted for each trooper who was killed or died during the operation.

15. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT AND TECHNIQUES: The Battalion employed Combat Tracker Teams on occasion. These teams proved highly successful in tracking the enemy thus enabling the maneuver elements to establish or reestablish contact.

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16. RESULTS OF OPERATION BOLLING:

a. Friendly Losses:

KIA. 17
WIA. 79
Non Battle Dead. 1
Non Battle Injuries. 54
Equipment Losses None

b. Enemy Losses:

KIA (BC) 117
POW: 13
Civil Defendants: 20
Detainees: 97
Returnees: 1

c. Equipment Losses:

Weapon S/A: 40
Ammo: S/A - 2,586
Ammo: C/S - 39 rds 82mm, 4 - B40 Rockets
Grenades - 122
Rice - 6,930 lbs
Base Camps - 19
Bunkers - 234
Structures - 76
Medical Supplies - 104
Foodstuff - 5,382 lbs
Signal - 2 Radios
Documents - 174 lbs
Clothing & Equipment - 183 lbs
Rice Polishers - 9
Mines - 3
Salt - 60 lbs
Commo Wire - 2 miles
Bangalore Torpedoes - 2
Plows - 11

17. COMMANDER'S ANALYSIS AND LESSONS LEARNED: During Operation BOLLING the 3d Battalion (Airborne) 503d Infantry was opposed largely by NVA units. With the exception of the battle on 27 Dec 1967, these units were ill-equipped and inadequately supplied. Only when and where the enemy had strong defensive

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positions and could not withdraw did he initiate contact. Normally the enemy moved in small groups, generally squad size, and avoided contact. This, coupled with the personnel strengths at which the rifle companies deployed, necessitated maneuvering rifle companies in platoon size elements. The battle on 27 Dec placed greater emphasis on the effective and timely use of Tactical Air and Artillery support both during contact and as harassing and interdictory fires. Overall, the terrain, enemy, and mission provided the "ROCK BATTALION" the opportunity to shake down and establish firm standing operating procedures for future operations. Although the Battalion experienced no new lessons learned, the following techniques were used by the Battalion.

a. Stay Behind Force at Lager Sites: A small element (normally a squad) sets up an ambush in vic of Co night lager site when the company departs the area. This has proven particularly effective when the area is relatively open and when a lager site has been under observation by VC/NVA.

b. Prep of LZs: This Battalion normally uses a two to four minute Arty prep on CA's. The last rounds fired are WP to indicate LZ is clear for aircraft. To break up the pattern of the prep of LZs and to lure the enemy out of their holes two preps are conducted. WP rounds are fired at the end of the first prep and one minute later a second prep is fired. The gunships and slicks come in behind the second prep.

Timing is a critical factor in the conduct of an airmobile assault. The effect of a prep may be wasted if the ships are not on the LZ within 30-45 seconds of the last round fired. The maneuver battalion commander should be in direct communication (preferably in the same aircraft) with the commander of the assault aircraft. When the aircraft are eight minutes from touchdown the maneuver battalion commander commences a time on target countdown for last rounds on target using a stopwatch. The bn arty LNO (also in C&C aircraft) and the army aviation commander base their actions on this timing. A continuous check is made with the approaching aircraft to insure the time schedule is proper. Should any adjustment be necessary the timing for last rounds on target is adjusted. Each firing unit reports tubes clear and WP on the way. The maneuver battalion and army aviation commanders are advised, "Tubes clear, WP will land in X number of seconds." The aircraft are cleared for final approach. The gunships commence firing when the WP hits the ground.

c. Units Move With 5 Day Supply Load: To enable units to "get lost" after a CA, companies are at times carrying 5 days supply of rations, ammo, and batteries. The company moves off the LZ and sets up an operational

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base for 2 days. The distance from the LZ will depend on the terrain. Platoons drop their rucksacks at this central location and run platoon size patrols for 2 days. The company then moves out with the standard 3 days supply load. No helicopters are flown over the company AO except for emergencies.

d. Ambush of PZs: When two companies are working within close proximity of each other and one is to be extracted by chopper the other company clandestinely moves by foot to the area from which the first company is to be extracted. The second company then sets up ambush sites in the area of extraction.

e. Mortar Suppression and Counter Mortar Technique: The area around a FSB is covered with artillery concentrations to a distance of 3,000 meters. Fire Support Base Peak was ringed with 142 such concentrations to a distance of 3,000 meters. Each tube of every firing unit within range is assigned responsibility for a specified number of concentrations. Each night specific concentrations are cancelled based on ambush patrols. When the request to fire the counter mortar program is initiated the guns automatically fire pre-arranged data. The area can be rapidly saturated. The targets are assigned at random based on the GT line. Random assignment assures that the area will be saturated and that no significant dead space occurs should one howitzer become nonoperational. Ammunition expenditure is minimized as each gun fires one round at each target.

f. Mortar Raids: The enemy is often aware of the maximum range of artillery at a FSB and consequently will locate just outside this range. To counter this the 4.2" mortar platoon is sometimes moved to the edge of the maximum range fan giving rifle companies an additional 5,000 meters forward of the maximum arty range to operate. The company on the FSB furnishes a platoon as security for the mortars. The mortars and security platoon return to the FSB prior to darkness and the rifle company moves back within the arty fan.

g. 105mm Howitzers for Direct Fire Support on FSB: Due to variations in terrain it is often necessary to outpost portions of a FSB. To break up the defensive pattern, direct fire artillery is placed on the position in lieu of a manned outpost.

h. Preplanned Alternate LZs to Reinforce Hot LZs: Several alternate LZs should be selected for each primary LZ where possible. All companies in the operation, to include the reaction force, should be made aware of primary and alternate LZs.

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1. Use of Conex for CP: The standard US ARMY and US AIR FORCE 6' 6" by 8' 6" conex serves as a portable CP. A complete communication system can be permanently installed for rapid establishment of the CP. This conex also serves as a storage space during movement and a bunker once sandbags have been added. A lighting system can be installed utilizing either batteries or an external generator. The entire CP can be transported by sling load on one CH 47 helicopter.

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